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I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **COLLAPSIBLE GRAPPLING HOOK**, the Specification of which is being submitted herewith.

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